

Acronyms

AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
ABS	automated braking system
AMD	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.
AOL	America Online
ACM	Association for Computing Machinery
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
CIO	chief information officer
CMU	Carnegie Mellon University
CPU	central processing unit
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DCI	Director of Central Intelligence
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization (United Nations)
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FFRDC	Federally Financed Research and Development Center
GHz	gigahertz
GIS	geographic information system
GMU	George Mason University
GPS	global positioning system
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communications (previously Groupe Spécial Mobile)
HP	Hewlett-Packard Company
IEEE	The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IEM	international electronic marketplace
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IP	Internet protocol; intellectual property
ISDN	integrated services digital network
ISO	International Standards Organization
ISP	Internet service provider
IT	information technology
K-12	kindergarten through 12 th grade
LEO	low earth orbit (satellites)
mA	milliamps
MEMS	microelectromechanical systems
MIPS	millions of instructions per second

MT	machine translation
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NDRI	RAND's National Defense Research Institute, an FFRDC
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIC	National Intelligence Council
NIO	National Intelligence Officer
NSF	National Science Foundation
PC	personal computer
PEPC	privacy enhanced personal computer
PDA	personal digital assistant
QUT	Queensland University of Technology (Australia)
RAM	random-access memory
RIM	Research in Motion, Ltd.
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SOHO	small office / home office
UCF	University of Central Florida
UCSB	University of California at Santa Barbara
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
VLSI	very large scale integration
WAP	wireless application protocol
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
xDSL	x digital subscriber line (x=A [asynchronous], ...)